

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mike Edwards of Knoxville to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the Governor shall appoint nine members to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Mike Edwards of Knoxville to the State Board of Education to a term that will expire on March 31, 2021, as a member representing the 2nd Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mike Edwards has served as the president and chief executive officer of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce since September 2002; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Edwards's leadership, the Knoxville Chamber was named the 2011 Chamber of the Year by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives; Mr. Edwards directed the development of an Education Management Information System for the Knox County Schools district, which system has transformed the massive amount of data the school district routinely collects into actionable knowledge; and

WHEREAS, a Ford Fellow focusing on regional sustainability and regional education partnerships, Mr. Edwards serves on the Board of Trustees for the Great Schools Partnership and the boards of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the UT-Battelle Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards is a former retail developer, and he served for seventeen years as the chief executive officer of the Public Building Authority of Knox County and the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mike Edwards is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Mike Edwards to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2021.